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Brighter Employment Picture Painted in CSFL Area Report

The following is the report by Thomas A. Small, vice president of the California State Federation of Labor for this district, as given this week to the Federation convention in Santa Barbara. The report is printed in full as a service to union members unable to attend the convention. Here are Brother Small's words:

GREETINGS:

Unemployment problems beset the Eighth District during much of the past year although at this writing the work picture is good and future prospects are bright. In spite of unemployment, the economic gains have been plentiful and public relations have hit a new high in all areas.

This district contains about 200 unions and between 80,000 and 90,000 union members. Unofficial estimates at the peak of the bad months were that at least 8,000 union members were out of work. It's not a pretty picture, but happily one which is much brighter now.

Despite the employment situation, most unions of the area were able to make contract gains including either wage increases or improvements in conditions, or welfare programs. This is a heartening sign and indicates that continued good times are ahead.

Throughout the past 12 months the unions have been stressing improved relations. In Salinas a labor council scholarship was created and awarded this year. San Jose unions resumed their radio programs, with daily and Sunday shows to keep advancing the cause of our A. F. of L. unions. San Mateo building craftsmen donated labor for the Ground Observer Corps' "Operation Skywatch," building an entire observation station in a few hours atop a downtown building. Santa Cruz County workers built a Little League Stadium at Watsonville as a public service.

Of major interest to this district are three contributions to the field of arts by union people. Marvin L. York, San Jose bartender, wrote a published novel of the oil fields, "Come Hell or High Water." A San Mateo painter, Fred Harris, published his novel of the sea, "All's Well." William J. McCartney, a Redwood City painter, published some songs which have become popular.

Some apprentices of this district made history, too. Robert Ohran, San Jose bricklayer apprentice, was named the best in the nation in natural competition during the Union Industries Show in Los Angeles. Joseph Brennan, Redwood City painter apprentice, took lesser national honors in his field.

One of the most important of organizational gains was made in San Benito County, which has few unions and very little union activity. Here the Auto Mechanics Union was involved in the area's first National Labor Relations Board election and won right to represent mechanics of a Hollister garage. Maybe this is the start of big things for that county.

Because it's been a big year, and because the counties of this district are proud of their accomplishments, let's look around:

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Labor relations head the achievements of the year for this county.

The Bricklayers Union celebrated its 50th anniversary with a big dinner. Retiring Deputy Labor Commissioner William Wills and his successor, Gene Barry, were honored at a big testimonial dinner. Labor took to the air with a big Labor Day radio show. I was happy to participate in all of these events, and made many trips to the county otherwise on Federation business.

Two union officials were elected to the San Jose City Council, Fred Watson of the Bus Drivers, and Paul Moore of the Motion Picture

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LABORERS GET WAGE INCREASE AT DEL MONTE

Contract negotiations between Laborers Union 690 of Monterey and Del Monte Properties, Inc. were completed last week with a wage increase of five cents an hour established for union laborers. George Jenkins, secretary of Local 690, said the increase is effective as of July 14.

Work for laborers in the Monterey area showed a slight gain last week, with promise of greater improvement with settlement of the lumber strike, Jenkins said.

Contractor Joe Fratessa has begun the remodeling of the Pacific Grove High School. Johnson & Weston are installing a swimming pool in the Corral de Tierra area.

Workmen were called by contractor Jake Huezenga to his jobs as he started getting lumber once more.

Jenkins at CSFL For Building Body

George E. Jenkins, president of the Monterey County Building Trades Council, is in Santa Barbara this week for the convention of the California State Federation of Labor. He is official delegate from the building council and also representing Laborers Union 690, of which he is secretary.

Sardine Fishing Gets Underway

With the completion of negotiations on price to be paid by fish canneries for sardines delivered to Monterey, local fishing boats were starting out last weekend in an effort to bring in first catches of sardines for several years. Large schools of sardines have been sighted in southern waters.

Last week, according to union officials, albacore, mackerel and anchovies were packed at Monterey plants. Several plants are waiting for sardines, it was added.

Baldwin Back

Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, is back on the job again after a vacation trip. No report of his vacation travels has been announced by Baldwin, who returned to find employment problems for union carpenters due to the lumber strike (now settled) and the plumber strike in Salinas.

Labor-Employer Council Slated In Cafe Industry

Plans for the creation of a Labor-Management Council for the hotel and restaurant industry in the Monterey area were unfolded last week by officials of Hotel-Restaurant and Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey.

Louis Gold, president of Local 483, said the employer groups have requested Attorney Peter Ferrante to work with union officials to set up the council to serve mutual interests of employers and union.

Working with Gold in the matter are Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Harrington and Business Agent James Dunn of the union.

A dinner meeting is to be held shortly to discuss the proposal and take first steps for the formation of the new council, Gold said. Purposes of the labor-management group will include mutual action to police contract violations and to settle problems which arise.

Local 483 has completed its new contracts with the hotel and restaurant associations, with welfare plans gained for union members. The plans will be in operation as soon as possible.

Independent restaurants of the area are signing contracts which are similar to that established by the industry through the associations, it was announced.

Monterey CLC Delays Meet On Industry

Because of the Labor Day holidays, the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council has postponed its meeting with leaders of the Monterey County Industry Development organization (MCID) until September 17, Council Secretary Sonya du Gardyn announced last week.

A special speaker from MCID is to appear before the labor council on Sept. 17 to explain the industry development program and enlist further support of labor organizations.

At last week's labor council meeting, problems regarding donated labor for the Youth Center project were discussed and Nels Pedersen, council past president, was named council delegate to this week's convention of the California State Federation of Labor.

Vote Registration Boost Proposed

Fred Farr, Democratic candidate for State Assembly, last week contacted the County Supervisors and all city councils to urge that the week of Aug. 30-Sept. 5 be set aside as "Registration for Voting Week." Last day to register is Sept. 9.

The attorney pointed out that many citizens are not registered as voters and suggested that service clubs, newspapers, governing bodies and others join forces "to make registration week a fruitful adventure in better citizenship and a step toward greater participation to more Americans in the responsibilities of their government."

State Fed. Blasts Ike—

Health, Housing Remedies Are: Pitiful, Sorry

The present administration's efforts toward curing the nation's vast, insufferable, and rapidly growing Health and Housing problems were blasted as "pitiful" and "miserable" by the State Federation of Labor convention in Santa Barbara, and strong demand for quick action in these and other pressing needs was made by the nation's second largest AFL Federation.

as an integral part of the system, is essential," the Federation concludes.

Mattos Named Building Council Vice President

John F. Mattos, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272, was elected vice president of the Monterey County Building Trades Council at the group's first August meeting.

He succeeds LeRoy Haste, of the Monterey Electrical Workers Union, who resigned as council vice president, according to Secy. Dial H. Miles.

The council voted at the same meeting to increase the special Strike Committee to four members, by adding a new member from Salinas. Harvey B. Baldwin, of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, was elected as the new member.

A special committee of Delegates Wilson, Mattos, Fletcher and Baldwin was named to draft a program for increased council activity.

Painter Work Improves Here

Work for union painters in Monterey County has improved in the past week with nearly all members of unions in Salinas and Monterey now employed, according to union officials.

Milton Isakson, of Monterey Painters Union 272, said almost all members had been called to jobs. Peter A. Greco, of Salinas Local 1104, said all members were busy and one or two more men might be needed shortly if work holds up.

Laborer Union Auditor Visits

William B. Wharton, certified public accountant from Lafayette, Calif., and auditor for the Laborers' International Union, was in this area last week. Wharton checked books of Laborers' Locals 272, Salinas; 690, Monterey, and 283, Santa Cruz.

GREAT IS TRUTH. Fire cannot burn, nor water drown it.—Dumas (the elder).

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Consumer Pays Corp.'s Taxes

Chicago—When John Smith pays his income tax, he can't pass the tax burden on to his wife, his hired hand, his neighbor, or anyone else. When the United States levied its first corporate income tax most people thought it would work the same way. And it probably would have, in a competitive economy.

But corporations grew so powerful that they set prices—instead of these prices being established by the free bargaining of many buyers and sellers in a competitive market. And when a seller sets the price, he can add into that price whatever is necessary to pay his taxes, writes David Angevine in the Cooperative News Service.

These so-called administered prices—or monopoly prices—now pervade the economy. They dominate steel, autos, plastics, farm machinery, synthetic fabrics, tires, oil products, chemicals, glass, drugs, aluminum, electricity, radios, cement, electric appliances—almost everything that fills our economic lives. Even bread, breakfast food, coffee, flour, floor wax, and toilet bowls.

So corporate income taxes today are like sales taxes. They're passed on to consumers. Corporations write the check to the tax collector's office, but their customers pay the tax.

But there's a difference, too. When you pay 85 cents for your grilled chopped sirloin beef sandwich, the waitress adds on a sales tax. If that tax were repealed your glorified hamburger would cost you 85 cents—not 87 cents.

Corporate income taxes don't work that way. These firms have jacked up their prices to include the tax they'll turn over to Uncle Sam. And when the tax is repealed, they simply let their prices stand. Their customers go on paying the

higher prices and the tax—instead of going into the United States Treasury—goes to increase corporate profits.

This is what has happened since the excess profits tax was repealed. Profits and sales figures for several giant corporations show what is happening. Sales are down, but profits climb.

The Wall Street Journal surveyed 56 industrial concerns, which averaged about \$600 million a year in sales. "Their aggregate sales of over \$8.3 billion for the (April-June) quarter were down 7.2 per cent. But their net after taxes, amounting to \$577 million was up 14.3 per cent."

These figures also show why so-called "double taxation" of corporate dividends is a myth. Corporations, by and large, don't pay their own taxes. They get their customers to pay them.

When their profits are paid out in dividends, their stockholders then pay a personal income tax which can't be shifted. This is the only tax that the corporations or their stockholders really pay. And when they get Congress to grant a preferential tax treatment to this dividend income—as they have done in the 1954 tax law—they reap a rich harvest.

Famed as Meat, Wood Carver



A. Leo Horensky of Butcher Workmen Local 229, Linda Vista, Calif., turned his "whittling" into a wood-carving hobby that has gained him fame without fortune because none of his carvings are for sale. Horensky is shown beside some of the carvings, which he displayed at the So. Calif. Exposition and San Diego County Fair.

Gov. Names Hicks To State Job Post

Governor Knight last week announced the appointment, effective September 15, of W. A. (Jimmie) Hicks as Deputy Director of Employment, succeeding Ralph R. Planteen, resigned.

Hicks is Mayor of the City of Sacramento, and has been editor of the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin since 1945. It was reported he will resign the mayor's post upon stepping into the \$13,500 employment job.

The appointment is subject to confirmation of the Senate at the next session of the Legislature.

Hicks moved to Sacramento from New York state in 1927 and has resided in Sacramento since. His first employment here was as a truck driver for a wholesale grocery concern. He later was employed as a salesman and for nine years was a letter carrier for the Post Office Department. During the time he was employed by the Federal Government, Hicks wrote a weekly column for the North

Sacramento Journal, an enterprise which led to his employment by the Labor Bulletin.

He served two terms as president of a local truck drivers union in 1933-34 and was president of the Letter Carriers Association No. 133 (A. F. L.) in Sacramento.

From 1949 to 1951 Hicks served on the Sacramento Civil Service Board and was elected to his first term on the City Council in 1951. He was re-elected to the Council in 1953 and was named Mayor.

Hicks is married and has two daughters, Nancy, 15, and Mrs. Warren Denham, 21, of Sacramento. The Hicks family residence is at 632 36th Street.

In 1834 the National Trades' Union was formed in New York City. This was the first attempt toward a national labor federation in the United States. It failed to survive the financial panic of 1837.

Some Rise in Cal. Employment

Civilian employment in California increased seasonally to 4,942,000 in July, from 4,927,000 in June, the Department of Employment and Department of Industrial Relations announced last week. The July employment total was the highest reached so far this year, but was 51,000 under that for July 1953.

The increase of 15,000 workers from June resulted from gains in all major industry groups except government.

Unemployment in the state, during the same period, declined by 7,000 to a total of 236,000. The decline is attributed principally to the recalling of employees by seasonal industries. This drop, he said, more than offset a rise in agricultural unemployment and entry into the labor market of the balance of recent school graduates.

A year ago the state's unemployment was an estimated 173,000.

Manufacturing employment increased seasonally by 15,000 between June and July, but the gain was less than usual for this time of year. Work stoppages in lumber and rubber partly offset substantial gains in food processing and lesser gains in tin can manufacturing, aircraft, and private ship repair.

Despite the month-to-month increase, manufacturing registered the largest decline from July of last year. Employment in service, agriculture, and finance was higher than a year ago. Other industries with lower employment than a year ago include construction; transportation, communication and utilities; and trade.

The state's civilian labor force of 5,178,000 in July was 12,000 greater than a year ago.

If you demand union wages, you must demand union label wares.

THE COVETOUS MAN is ever in want.—Horace.

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On Their Holiday—September 6th

Following is a List of the Affiliated Unions of this Council:

Barbers Union, Local No. 827

Building Service Employees Union, No. 77

Butchers Union, Local No. 506

Carpenters Union, Local No. 925

Electrical Workers Union, Local No. 243

Engineers' Union, Local No. 39

**Hotel & Restaurant Employees & Bartenders Union,
Local No. 355**

Laborers & Hodcarriers Union, Local No. 272

Laundry Workers & Dry Cleaners Union, Local 33

Musicians Union, Local No. 616

Motion Picture Operators Union, Local No. 611

Mechanics and Machinists Union, Local No. 1824

Painters & Paperhangers' Union, Local No. 1104

Pressmen & Assistants' Union, Local No. 328

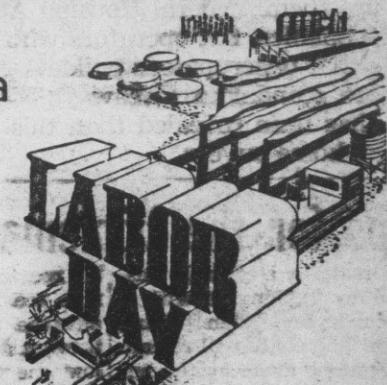
Retail Clerks Union, Local No. 839

Roofers Union, Local No. 50

Sugar Workers Union, Local No. 20616

Teachers Union, Local No. 1020

Typographical Workers Union, Local No. 543



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Forward or Backward?

The AFL Executive Council, meeting in New York, emphasizes what should be obvious to anyone who purports to be an expert on the Nation's economy.

Primarily the point is this:

The economy cannot stand still. It must go forward, or it will most certainly fall backward.

This is a growing country. The population is increasing. The needs of the people are expanding.

To say therefore that the number of employed today is as many as in years past is to ignore the fact that there are more employables. To point to increased profits for big corporations is a smokescreen for the fact that more men are without jobs, or on shorter hours.

It is no secret that Big Business is in the saddle in the Nation's Capital, and that business wants a pool of jobless. That way, they hope, they can get workers to compete for jobs, lowering wages and weakening unions.

The statement of the AFL Executive Council attacking the Government attempt to stabilize "the economy at present low rates" therefore needs to be echoed again and again over the land.

It needs to be repeated until the people know that we cannot continue in "the economic doldrums," for the good of everyone in the Nation — including the short-sighted businessmen who are dictating policy.

Are You Registered?

Disturbing reports have reached Labor's League for Political Education regarding the registration of union members.

Large numbers of working people in several areas have been found unqualified to vote in the November elections.

This matter is of the utmost importance. There is so much at stake in the Fall elections that every voter should be registered — particularly trade unionists who have so much to lose if an antilabor Congress is elected.

Unions that have not checked their membership lists to see who is eligible to vote should bring them up to date immediately — and then prod their unregistered members to qualify themselves to go to the polls this Fall.

Remember: You cannot vote unless you are registered.

Loopholes Bring Windfalls

So long as there are loopholes in a law, there will be those who will use them. Federal Housing Administration laws not only had loopholes, but operators who made it normal practice to see that unscrupulous builders got windfalls.

No more scandalous giveaways — in the series of giveaways — has been revealed than this one which robs home renters and home buyers.

Tips for the Homemaker ★★

You can make a steel rule easier to read by rubbing it with a piece of chalk and then wiping with a cloth. The chalk will remain in the depressions made by the numerals.

After finishing the family wash, it's only wise to make sure your clothesline is clean. A new brush designed for the purpose, has an easy-to-hold enameled wood handle and is grooved to suds the entire surface of the line at one time. Lacking such scientific equipment, a soapy sponge run firmly along the line will also prevent your clean clothes from getting dirty.

If your leather gloves are washable, be sure to restore their softness by manipulating them gently with your fingers after rinsing. Blow into the gloves to keep fingers from sticking together.

Add a dish of curry powder to cream of chicken soup you are planning to serve either hot or cold, then sprinkle each bowl or cup of the soup with minced chives.

Young turkeys of any size may for your LLPE membership card.



By W.M. G. KENYON, Secy.
Monterey County Teamsters,
Local 290

You must have income to pay the rent, to buy the groceries, to meet the expenses that are constantly pressing you. Those who are in the older age brackets need income in the same way, although possibly to a different degree and for some different requirements.

The 13 million persons who are age 65 or over in the United States derive their income in the following manner:

3 million are earners who are still active in business or as employees.

4.5 million are receiving Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits.

2.6 million are receiving old-age grants.

.8 million are receiving earned pensions under some Federal, state or local government retirement system.

2.6 million depend upon other resources for their income, including support by children, income from investments, and payments from pension plans established by former employers.

In the above tabulation, almost 10% of those receiving the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits are having those payments supplemented by old-age assistance grants. And, of course, many more of the beneficiaries of this Federal retirement plan have additional resources in the form of investments, company pensions, and contributions from their children.

In earlier generations, most older persons depended upon an extra room in the home of one of their children for their support. Rising living costs, smaller units, and urban living have compelled these older people to look to a cash income since their children are no longer able to provide the extra room in the home and the extra place at the table.

While some are able to put aside enough to care for them in their later life, a survey by the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance revealed that only 5% of the families receiving old-age insurance benefits had an income in excess of \$1200 a person per year over and above their benefits. Thus, most persons must look to a retirement system to provide the bulk of their retirement income.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYPRESS 2-2480.

Another brand-new League feature is a program designed especially to enlist the aid and get out the vote of women.



Victory in 1954 Elections Aim of Organized Labor

Victory in this fall's congressional election for pro-labor candidates is organized labor's goal in one of the biggest get-out-the-vote drives in its history.

With slogans, fund drives and a corps of politically experienced workers, labor is setting out on a three-pronged political action campaign designed to:

S.F. Food Prices at Record High Level

The retail level of food prices in San Francisco in July was higher than during any other month since June 1952, except for the preceding June 1954 when the index was only fractionally higher, according to Max D. Kossoris, Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The slight decrease of only 0.1 of an index point from June brought the July index to 115.2, with the average of the 3 year period 1947-49 equal to 100. The July 1954 price level was 1.8 per cent above that of a year earlier.

While prices of meats, poultry and fish were generally lower for an average of 1.6 percent over the month, bread prices were up an average of 12 percent, eggs were higher by 18.1 percent, and coffee continued to rise, this time by 2.8 percent.

The major offset to higher prices were seasonally lower prices of fruits and vegetables. The average decrease of 5.6 percent over the month brought this group slightly below their year ago level. The sharpest decrease, each amounting to 100 percent or more, were for apples, watermelons, lettuce and tomatoes. Similar decreases were for oranges, carrots, celery and green beans. There were increases, however, for potatoes, onions and cabbage.

A comparison with the price levels of a year ago shows cereals and bakery prices up 2.1 percent, primarily because of higher prices of bread. Meats, poultry and fish were cheaper by 0.9 percent, dairy products prices were down 3.9 percent, and fruits and vegetables by 0.4 percent. But a substantial number of foods in the miscellaneous category, such as coffee and soft drinks, lard and salad dressing, were more expensive this July, pulling the level of this group up 7.6 percent above a year ago.

Milk Drivers Force A Cut in Prices

DETROIT—AFL milk drivers got six dairies to cut the price of home-delivered milk by three cents a quart—in lieu of a pay raise.

President Brunson Gilbert of Local 155, AFL Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, said the workers first sought a \$12 a week pay boost.

Then they decided instead to seek a price cut equal to \$12 per week per route. They figured they could increase their sales enough to make up the \$12.

The three-cent per quart reduction will go to all families using over 30 quarts a month. The drivers serve about 60,000 customers.

New Cars to Arrive Soon

Just a reminder to potential new car buyers among our readers that we stand behind our prediction that '55 models will appear in September and October—rather than at the turn of the year.

Retooling of plants is extensive, due to radical design changes in many models. This will hurt GOP election chances in auto manufacturing areas as it causes temporary layoffs just before election time. The party in power always gets blamed.

"Let's Get U.S. Back on Right Track by Electing Men Who Back Freedom, Prosperity"

By JAMES L. McDEVITT, Director, Labor's League for Political Education

Last Labor Day, the number of Americans out of work was only a little more than 1 million. This year the figure is between 3 and 4 million.

Yet the Administration spokesmen tell us the recession has been licked. They tell us that this will be the second biggest production year in history. There are only a couple of things wrong with that line of reasoning.

First, for the 3 or 4 million families without a breadwinner the recession has not been licked. In fact, it is a very serious depression for them.

Second, it is shameful to accept a backward step complacently. If this is the second best production year in history, that is the very reason why more than 3 million people can't find jobs. Constant improvement in productive efficiency and ever-increasing population in the U.S. means that we must produce and consume \$15 billion more each year to keep everybody working. If we do only as well as last year, 2 million persons must automatically be thrown out of work.

So if the Administration is happy with present conditions, the charge that President Eisenhower's economic advisers are not setting their sights high enough must be true.

Steel production has been running at little better than 60 percent of capacity. Used car ads are full of re-possession sales. Periodic layoffs are still plaguing the nation's production centers. Farm prices are sagging, and so are Administration price supports. It may be true that things are stable and not getting worse. But stabilizing such conditions when full employment could be attained is hardly something to brag about.

Plenty of job opportunities are absolutely necessary to maintaining strong unions and high wage rates. You can't bargain for good wages without first having good business with booming sales and low-unit costs.

Government action can reverse the situation. The best way for the average citizen to let the politicians

running the Government know that he likes prosperity is by use of his vote this Fall.

We do not have a chance to elect a different President this November, but we do have a chance to elect a more liberal Congress which will refuse to go along with a Do-Nothing-Policy.

The present Administration favors allowing the states to undermine labor's basic rights. The Administration favors a course which would lower farm income. The Administration favors giving new tax loopholes to wealthy stockholders. The Administration favors giving away our oil resources and undermining TVA, which it has called "creeping Socialism."

Let's get our country back on the right track. Every American has a great stake in this Fall's election. Look the candidates over carefully. Then vote for the ones who support freedom and prosperity for all the people.

Hotel Employees Gain

New York City — Wage raises amounting to \$41/2 million a year were awarded to 35,000 union hotel workers by an arbitration board ruling on wage demands of the New York Hotel Trades Council against the Hotel Association of New York City, Inc.

The weekly raises amounted to \$2.60 for all workers in the non-tipping category, \$1.50 for captains, hostesses and busboys, and \$1.15 for all other workers.

Employer contributions to the industry's insurance, hospitalization and health center medical programs will be increased, and new contributions will be paid into the industry pension plan.

If you are buying meat with bone, you'll need one pound for two servings. A pound of lean meat without bone will make four servings.

Ike, Food and Children

(From the AFL NEWS-REPORTER)

The President and the Secretary of Agriculture confe that they do not know what to do with surplus food.

One would suppose that they would do all they could channel surplus milk, butter, corn and other commodities no held in warehouses to needy school children.

Yet the Administration twice has asked Congress to c funds for the school lunch program which provides free mea for children from poor families, and lunches for others moderate cost.

The cut for this year would amount to \$15 million, or 1 per cent less than was appropriated last year.

Congress should refuse to slash the school lunch mone this year just as it did in 1953 when Eisenhower requeste a similar \$15 million reduction.

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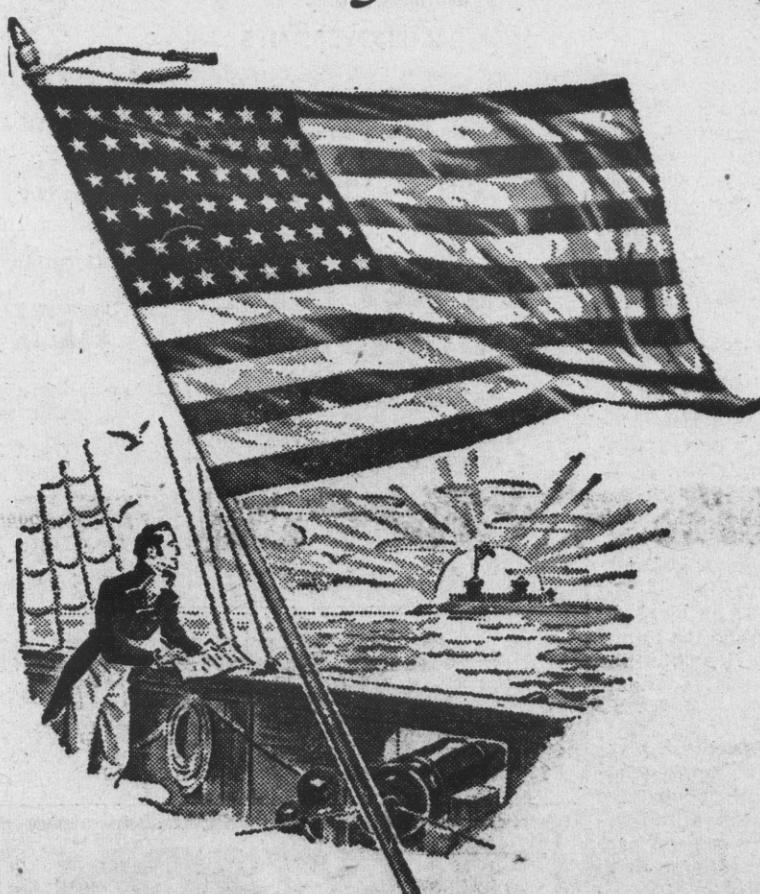
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Money-Need Is Top Problem at State LLPE Meet in Santa Barbara

(State Fed. Release)

Financial support of federal election candidates will be a top issue at the pre-general election convention of the California Labor League for Political Education, August 26, in Santa Barbara, it was announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL organization.

The CLLPE will be involved in 28 Congressional campaigns and one U.S. Senate fight, in addition to state office battles ranging from Governor to Assemblyman.

Taft-Hartley restrictions on political use of union treasury funds have gravely crippled labor's participation in elections for federal offices.

State campaigns can be financed by per capita monies from the CLLPE treasury, but only funds collected on an individual, voluntary basis may be used to help labor-endorsed candidates for Congress and the U.S. Senate.

While success of AFL-backed Congressional candidates in the June primary has raised serious financial problems, Haggerty predicted several enemies of labor in the California House delegation can be upset if endorsed opponents are given adequate union support.

Exactly 95 percent of the AFL-endorsed candidates either won their own nomination or carried both tickets in California primary tests for federal and state office.

Major business of the August 26 political convention will be reaffirmation of primary endorsements of the CLLPE and issuance of new endorsements in those districts where the state body has no recorded position. The latter situation generally refers to areas where candidates endorsed at the primary failed to qualify or where the local political units originally recommended no positive action.

The CLLPE's one-night stand will feature a week of state AFL activity in Santa Barbara.

Convention business of the California State Federation of Labor will open Monday morning, August 23, in the local Armory.

President Thomas L. Pitts will call the convention to order at 10 a.m.

Headquarters of the State Federation will be located in the Carrillo Hotel in downtown Santa Barbara.

Registration of delegates will start at 9 o'clock Saturday morning in the lobby of the Carrillo.

The State Federation's Executive Council will meet Friday morning, August 20, in Santa Barbara for a closing review of policy statements on national and state issues.

The CLLPE Executive Council will assemble Friday afternoon to prepare recommendations for convention action on August 26.

State Federation convention speakers on Monday and Tuesday will include Governor Goodwin Knight, Secretary of Labor James Mitchell, Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler.

Among speakers on the Wednesday and Thursday programs will be Franklin Williams, regional director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Walter Gordon, state Adult Authority chairman; Paul Scharrenberg, director, state Department of Industrial Relations, and Edward S. Park, state labor commissioner.

James L. McDevitt, national director of Labor's League for Political Education, will keynote the Thursday night political roundup.

Washington—The greatest give-away in history is now up for consideration . . . the scheme to give away to private utilities the 14-billion-dollar atomic energy program bought and paid for with your tax dollars. The New Republic magazine in its current issue reports that this atomic give-away bill not only would force the government to give the uranium deposits to private interests but would also force the government to buy back its own uranium . . . spending more of your money for something you already own!—Frank Edwards.

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Legion Girds to Battle Medics' 'Anti-Vet Crusade'

New York City.—The American Legion was urged to fight the American Medical Assn. in its "anti-veteran crusade" by the Legion's national commander in the New York State convention here.

Arthur J. Connell, in an address at the Commodore Hotel, said:

"As long as the AMA is throwing down the gauntlet to the veterans of this nation, let's pick it up. As long as they want a fight, we're going to see that they get it."

Connell defended the Veterans Administration hospital and medical programs, and accused the AMA of trying to cripple the medical services available to more than 20 million former service men.

The AMA has attacked the program as "socialized medicine." It says some of the facilities and services are superfluous.

The convention elected John B. Ryan Jr., 47, as commander. Ryan, supervisor of public and personnel relations of the General Aniline and Film Corp., is a former president of a local Chemical Workers Union, AFL, in Rensselaer County.

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JOB OUTLOOK? WONDERFUL! HUCKSTERS SAY

Recently the Departments of Labor and Commerce issued a joint statement on the condition of employment throughout the nation for the month of July. The Eisenhower Administration will find, in fact did find, much to talk about in that report.

Already the Madison Avenue hucksters of the administration are waving the report as certain evidence that the "employment downturn of the past year had virtually ended" and there was every reason for optimism in the future.

It would be a pleasant task to concur in this space with the views of the administration on the subject. Unfortunately such is not possible.

When compared with the figures for the previous month—June—those given in the joint report might, on the surface, be cause for optimism. But when carefully weighed against similar figures for July 1953 the nation's employment picture is grim.

In July of this year there were 56,494,000 persons said to be actively in the labor force. This includes both employed and unemployed. One year ago the total was reported at 64,668,000 a difference of 826,000. This difference is about right since economists estimate that the labor force will increase

each year at the rate of about 750,000 persons.

1,794,000 MORE JOBLESS

But while there were 63,120,000 persons employed in July of last year there were only 62,148,000 persons employed this July. Unemployment, at 3,346,000 for July 1954, was up 1,794,000 from the corresponding month in 1953.

This means that not only the 826,000 persons who entered the labor force over the year were unable to find jobs but nearly a million who were employed during July of 1953 were also jobless.

There are two significant factors that the administration either fails to recognize or refuses to acknowledge. The first is where the bulk of the over-the-year unemployment has taken place and the second is what has kept unemployment from climbing even higher.

Here is where unemployment has come from. Nonfarm employment is down 1,855,000. Manufacturing industries alone account for 1,675,000 of this decline. Three of the other seven basic industry groups are also down sharply. Only in constructing, government, finance and the service and miscellaneous groups have there been an increase of employment.

Construction has been a major force in holding unemployment down. In July of this year there were 51,000 more workers employed here than a year ago. Finance, insurance and real estate is another industrial group that has played an important role.

FALL PICTURE GLOOMY

It must be noted, however, that both groups are of a seasonal nature. Construction is particularly seasonal and dependent on the weather.

When you consider these two factors it becomes somewhat easier to see what is in store for employment in the fall. Construction will begin to slack off as the weather turns bad. Farm employment, which is lower this July than last, will also dip. The result will be increased unemployment.

But there is still another factor to be considered—income. Loss of income has a cumulative effect. In the past year more and more persons have lost their paychecks. Years of prosperity have enabled them to pile up savings. So long as savings last most people will continue to spend. But after a year the little consumer has exhausted his savings and ceases to buy anything not necessary to absolute life.

This slowdown in purchasing backs up through retail and wholesale outlets and finally to manufacturers. Ultimately it too will carry the burden of more unemployment.

When all things are considered there appears little hope that unemployment will stay below five million through the year. No, there is nothing in the July report to cause real optimism.

Durkin Sees More Mechanical Jobs

Lafayette, Ind.—Martin P. Durkin, president of the Plumbers and Pipefitters, predicted here that several thousand new jobs will be open for mechanically minded young men in the next 18 months.

Durkin said the openings will be in expansion of atomic energy, refrigeration and air conditioning. The former Secretary of Labor said he expected the U.S. soon will be using atomic energy for fuel.

The talk was made in connection with the apprenticeship competition being held here at Purdue University.



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Old Folks Hit By Hike in Bread Price

With famine running rampant across the land and the starving French crying for bread to feed their emaciated women and children, Marie Antoinette when she heard the news made the classically contemptuous remark: "Let them eat cake."

This is history—or rather it was history until recently when the old incident in the annals of France became a very new incident in the history of California.

The case in point was the bread price increase in the Bay Area which, ironically enough, brought the cost of the "staff of life" up to, and sometimes over, the cost of cake—coffee cake, that is.

"Let them eat cake," became the order of the day and the populace found it just as expensive to have toast with their coffee in the morning as it was to eat bear claws. Reverberations were numerous and loud, but none were quite so put out as the area's old-age pensioners and others on a fixed, meagre income.

Highlighting the protests was Alex McCrary, 70, of San Francisco, who, when finding that at one store coffee cake was actually two cents cheaper than bread, said, "The French though they were bad off in Marie Antoinette's day, but they had no way of knowing our plight in the U. S. today. Pensioners like me, who can draw only \$80 a month maximum under present state laws to cover all the necessities of life, feel pretty rough when we find the most basic of foods—bread—costing more than ever before in history. No wonder we are boasting, a 'yes' vote on 'Aid to Needy Aged' Proposition 4, which provides \$100 a month maximum. If bread prices keep raising, we'll need that extra \$20 a month for that one item alone."

McCrary, a solid advocate of Proposition 4, urged adoption of the measure "so we won't go down in history the same as did Marie Antoinette."

Congress Approves Raising Debt Limit By \$6 Billion

Washington.—Congress approved raising the legal limit on the national debt by \$6 billion to \$281 billion. The Senate passed the bill last week. The House last year approved a measure providing for increasing the limit by \$15 billion, as requested by President Eisenhower.

On recommendation of Republican Floor Leader Charles Halleck (Ind.) the House bowed to the Senate's wishes.

Under the bill, the Government can borrow an additional \$6 billion in the next few months but will have to pay it back by next July 1. On that date, the debt limit will drop back to the present figure. The debt has increased about \$6 billion in the past year.

Members of the Senate economy bloc criticized the Administration for requesting the increase. The Eisenhower Administration, which campaigned on a platform of "Economy in Government" in 1952, spent \$2.2 billion more money during its first full fiscal year in office than the Truman Administration did in its biggest spending year. The present Administration spent \$67.6 billion in the 1954 fiscal year, the former Administration \$65.4 billion in fiscal 1952.

Cleveland.—Of course there's a bare possibility it may not be original with him, but Stephen F. Debby of Typographical Local 53 writing in the labor paper, Cleveland Citizen, said: "Perhaps one reason why the Republican Party is so anxious to give the vote to 18-year-olds is because these youngsters are too young to remember the depression."

Company Trucks, Buses Killed 28 Calif. Farm Workers in '53

(State Fed. Release)

Twenty-eight workers were killed and 341 were disabled in California during 1953 in truck and bus accidents while being transported to or from farm job sites.

The shocking story of dangerous transport conditions long protested by organized labor, was brought out last week in the monthly report of Work Injuries issued by the State Department of Industrial Relations.

Key facts in the report show that

(1) Seven Mexican nationals were killed and 11 injured when the bus in which they were riding was struck by a train at an unguarded crossing.

(2) Thirteen farm workers were disabled in another bus mishap. Most of the workers were injured in trying to escape from the burning vehicle.

(3) Twenty-six orange pickers were injured in the most serious farm truck accident.

(4) More than half of the transported workers sustained their injuries in collisions. One out of every four was injured when the truck or bus overturned or ran off the road.

(5) Falls from moving trucks accounted for one out of every seven injuries. A number of workers fell from the truck bed when the vehicle started or stopped suddenly

or negotiated a turn at high speed. Other farm workers suffered crushed arms or legs when caught between the truck bed or other objects, or were injured when they were jolted against parts of the truck or bus. Several men were run over while attempting to climb on or off moving vehicles.

The Industrial Relations Department also reported that 70 workers were killed in all industries in work accidents in May. This compares with 49 in April and 66 in May of 1953.

He's Turned Out 4 Million Cigars

Joliet, Ill.—Michael A. Glennon, 77, estimated on his 64th year in the trade that he had just passed the 4-million mark in the number of cigars he has turned out by hand.

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AFL Building Trades Dept. Holds N. Y. Meeting



AFL Building and Construction Trades Department held its regular meeting in New York recently. Shown here are, left to right: Peter Fesco, secy.-treas. of the Hod Carriers and Laborers; Richard Gray, Dept. President; Joseph Keenan, who has

resigned as department secretary to become secretary of the AFL Electrical Workers, and Robert Byron, president, Sheet Metal Workers Union. New department secretary is Frank Bonadio, former int'l. rep. for the Sheet Metal Workers.

Sen. Gillette Favors Federal Regulation Of Coffee Exchange

Washington. — Revelation that speculation on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange by Brazilian and U.S. interests was one of the main reasons coffee prices increased so rapidly lead Sen. Guy

Gillette (D., Iowa) to declare that it is now evident that the exchange needs to be put under federal regulation.

Gillette is author of a bill to that end.

Rep. Leonore Sullivan (D., Mo.) said the Gillette proposal is one needed remedy and another is a bill she introduced to provide regular reports on coffee stocks in this country.

"It now turns out that we were robbed at the rate of \$600,000,000 a year by price increases since last November which were purely speculative," Rep. Sullivan said. "The price of the green bean

which we import, largely from Brazil, zoomed from about 58 cents a pound in November to 94½ cents in April before it started to recede a little."

The Federal Trade Commission report on the reasons for the increase in retail coffee prices from 91 cents a pound to \$1.18 from early December to early April bore out the charges made on the AFL radio program over the Mutual network.

The FTC report to the Congress said the only real remedy for unreasonable spirals in coffee prices is for Congress to establish controls over coffee trading.

Water Problem Must Be Met by Bay Area

Big population increase makes mandatory the solution of the Bay Area's water problem, stated Col. P. D. Berrigan, Army engineers' head, recently. He outlined the projects now in various stages, as follows:

1. Sacramento River Flood Control Proj., about 74 pct. complete. Cost \$63 million federal and \$85 million state.

2. Sacramento river tributaries, reservoir at Black Butte site on Stony Creek, levees on 8 minor streams, improvements in Butte Basin, Sutter and Yolo by-passes, work on Sacto and Feather rivers. About 4 pct. finished, cost, about \$46 million.

3. Folsom dam and reservoir. About 71 pct. complete, cost \$65 million.

4. Cherry Valley reservoir on Tuolumne, part of Hetch Hetchy.

5. Sacto Deep Water Ship Channel, 25 miles of new channel added to 43-mile total length, about 6 pct. complet, cost, \$34 million.

6. Stockton Deep Water Channel, 41 miles, finished in 1940.

7. Russian river multi-purpose project, \$20 million, give flood control, water supplies, recreational facilities, and include earthfill dam at Coyote site on East fork.

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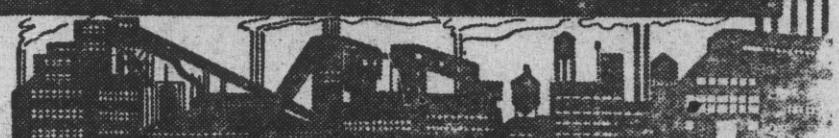


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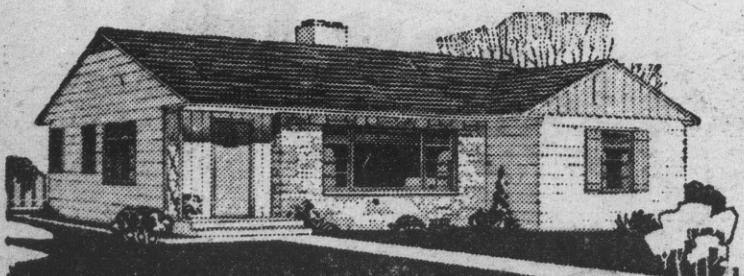


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Teachers Told School Shortages Now Alarming

Chicago. — The public schools will open this fall in a greater crisis than ever before, Carl Megel, American Federation of Teachers president, told the 37th annual convention of the federation here.

"Facing an enrollment of 37 million students, an increase of 1½ million, they will be short 300,000 qualified teachers and a half million new and additional classroom," Megel said.

"Since a well-qualified teacher for every student is the key to the education process," Megel continued, "the teacher shortage is most alarming. Teaching must be a stabilized profession so that men and women will make teaching their life work. Nearly 1 million people have quit teaching in the last 25 years."

Megel said that only 35,000 persons are being graduated each year from colleges of education, with a third of these not seeking education jobs. That means 23,000 teachers a year, when the need for each of the next ten years will be 100,000 new teachers.

President Eisenhower, in a message to the convention, said "no task can be greater than the promotion of democracy in education, and education for democracy."

At the same time AFL President George Meany pledged the "devoted support" of the American Federation of Labor to the AFT in the latter's "fight for the teachers and the children of the nation."

"Let me congratulate you on the continued growth of the American Federation of Teachers," said Meany. "Your membership is now, according to our records, larger than it has ever been since the organization was founded.

"I want also to commend you and your organization for the courageous leadership it has given the nation in developing a constructive and realistic education program. You have proved yourself to be good trade unionists.

"First, you have demanded high craftsmanship — good professional standards for your members;

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Mt. Shasta, Siskiyou County. — Producing a handsome, fighting rainbow trout that's hardier, master growing, and more prolific than any now being raised is the goal of the new selective trout breeding project currently under way at Mt. Shasta state fish hatchery.

The trout will be bred for choice qualities in much the same way farmers breed prize livestock, explains biologist Eugene R. German, who has charge of the Dept. of Fish and Game federal-aid project.

Anglers probably won't feel the full results of the project for about 10 years — time for three or four generations of the special fish to go through their spawning cycles. But before then the quality of state-planted catchables will profit by a slight boost from time to time as surplus spawners from the selected stock are put back into the Department's regular hatchery broodstock.

The project's first eggs were taken from about 75 specially selected hatchery brood fish last fall. Now about one and one-half inches long, this initial crop will reach spawning size in one or two more years. Meanwhile other lots of special fingerlings will be started on their way.

How much difference will the new program make? German can't say for sure. Water temperatures, food, and disease all play a decisive role in trout development. But selective breeding, he maintains, will at least make certain that hatchery fish get off to the best possible start.

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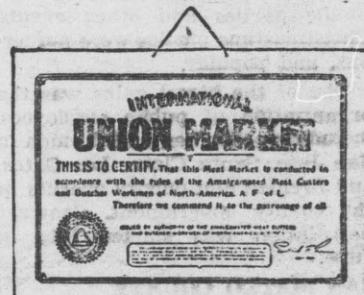
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Why Not Lower Grocery Bills?

(Public Affairs Institute)

The American housewife who goes into a food store to do her weekly shopping, comes out with little, if any, change from a \$20 bill. Then she reads in her morning paper that the farmer is getting less and less for his products. "What's going on here?" must be her reaction.

And she is completely justified in asking that question.

During the past few years the "spread" between what the housewife pays for food and what the farmer gets for that same food has been steadily increasing.

This situation has been dramatized particularly during the past two years when the farmer's income has taken a sharp drop accompanied by warning cries that major American depressions start with the farmer and then spread to the rest of us.

Take the latest figures on the cost of living issued by the Department of Labor. These show that between May and June of this year food prices led the way in boosting the cost of living by a tenth of a percent. It was the third consecutive month that food prices had advanced.

At the same time the farmer was getting less for his products, his cash receipts dropping from \$258 million in May to \$248 in June.

This phenomenon of the farmer getting less for his produce and the consumer failing to get a corresponding benefit in his grocery bill is something that has puzzled a great many people for a great many years. President Truman was

enough intrigued by it to direct the Federal Trade Commission to investigate the problem while he was still in the White House.

Unfortunately for those who would like to know the answer, the Congress killed an appropriation for the study last year and even went so far as to forbid the FTC to continue it.

Obviously there were a good many people who didn't want to know the answer.

Efforts to tear the veil of mystery away from the spread of food prices from the farm to the dinner table are by no means dead. Senator Hubert Humphrey has renewed demands that the Senate Committee on Agriculture make a promised study of the question.

Until such a study is made it is likely that the farmer will continue to be blamed and labor continue to be blamed. But where the money really goes and who pockets it will remain a mystery. It may well be that there are powerful groups in America who would prefer to keep it that way.

Northwest Pipeline

Natural gas will flow by fall of 1955 into the Pacific Northwest, only large region in the U.S. still without it. Work on a \$160 million pipeline from Juan Basin in Colorado will start in September by Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp.

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Brighter Picture on Employment

(Continued from Page One)

Operators and Electricians. Dan MacDonald, secretary for San Jose union plumbers and also of the State Council of Plumbers, was named to the Plumbers' National Health and Welfare Planning Board which met in Washington, D. C.

Another San Jose youth won last year's labor scholarship, and we honored Sal Pusateri at last year's convention. Harold Thornton, office secretary of the Building Trades Council in San Jose for 20 years and during terms of several executives, was given due honors by friends and co-workers.

San Jose was the scene of a major national conference, the National Resources Conference, in

which I participated in the name of the Federation. Many union groups had conventions in San Jose, including the Teamsters' Western Cannery Council, barbers, electricians, lathers, and others. National Printing Week was observed in great style with radio shows, public demonstrations, a gala banquet, and an attractive "Miss Printers Devil" to enliven proceedings.

Painters conducted a successful

expose of a racket by unscrupulous outfits trying to bilk the householders with a phony mastic paint proposition. Paper Hangers conducted public classes in the craft. Plumbers launched a campaign for a stronger building code. Welfare plans were put in effect by most unions. Ladies' Auxiliaries were more active than usual with public parties and other events. Christmastime parties were numerous, and popular.

One of the biggest gains was the organization of public employees, including policemen and firemen in San Jose, Santa Clara, Los Gatos, and firemen and deputy sheriffs in the county government. Contract negotiation was started late in June.

SAN MATEO COUNTY

Here in my home county we are proud of our public standing also. Support given by unions to the Blood Bank, which was founded by Organized Labor, and to the United Crusade and other public campaigns is the highest. Late last year labor leaders entertained several prominent German union officials on a good will tour of this county.

Culinary and Bartenders Local 340, bought, remodeled and moved into new quarters in downtown San Mateo. We had a lot of good friends from all over the state at a day-and-night "open house" to celebrate our new building.

A feature of the San Mateo County unity of action by labor leaders is the monthly luncheon meetings of union officials. Such prominent personages as State Labor Commissioner Ed Park, State Federation Research Director Jack Henning, San Francisco Labor Council Secretary George Johns, and many others have been speakers at these popular luncheon gatherings.

Several unions celebrated during the year, including the Plumbers who had a big 50th anniversary party with 1200 persons present. Most unions had Christmas parties and are holding summertime pictures this year.

One of the bright spots of our labor council meetings, incidentally, has been the showing of films on educational and labor topics. Delegates enjoyed motion picture stories of the City of Hope and of the Juniper Museum program, as well as several union films of varying natures.

MONTEREY COUNTY

Salinas unions joined to create a \$250 scholarship for Hartnell College of that city, the first year winner being Bryant Low, who spends his evenings as a switchboard operator to get extra money.

The annual Christmas Party for youngsters, given by the labor council here was bigger and better last year, so big that a larger auditorium was procured. Many unions had big parties for members and children also. A Labor Day barbecue was held in Monterey and an Easter party was held by the big Fish Cannery Workers Union. Teamsters Union offices had "open house" for members during the holidays.

A "full employment" campaign was launched by the labor council in Salinas, first such program in the state and one with a varying degree of success in city and county. A county Building Code was enacted after pressure by union leaders.

wishes to all delegates and officials at this State Federation convention.

Fraternally,
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CONGRATULATIONS to Jimmie Hicks, Sacramento labor newspaper editor and now appointed to a \$1,500 a year job as deputy director of employment for the state. He has been widely active in Sacramento labor, editor of the Sacramento Labor Bulletin nine years, city councilman and mayor of Sacramento, former official in Teamsters and Letter Carriers unions. We have had several interesting conversations with him at various gatherings. We think Governor Knight made a wise choice.

Writing of Jimmie Hicks reminds us of one of his gags—about the union man who always boasted his cigarette lighter and his wife both worked!

Down in Monterey the other day we heard a mishap in the Painter Union offices. Painters B.A. M. Isakson was engaged in loud conversation (according to neighbors) when there was a voice raised, followed by a loud crash. Rushing into the office, the apprehensive neighbor worker found a man stretched out on the floor, with Isakson standing over him. None, no fight—the chair the man was using collapsed under him and Isakson was too startled to move for the moment.

Good news that the lumber strike is settled. Lack of lumber has slowed many jobs in this area and estimates of unemployment because of that strike range quite high.

Read somewhere that the U. Chamber of Commerce says it is sure that our country will soon reach "new heights of prosperity" because our population is growing. Our comment couldn't top that!

If you're going to be in the vicinity of San Jose during the period from Sept. 13 to Sept. 19, we can think of nothing more enjoyable for you than to take in the Santa Clara County Fair. It promises to be the biggest and best event in the state this year. If you like Sacramento's State Fair, a gorgeous show despite the valley heat, you'll love the beautiful and home-like Santa Clara County Fair—and it's cooler here.

Two holidays in one week again this year—Labor Day and Admission Day. Union members had better check with their union office as to the proper pay they get when they work either of those days—contracts vary greatly in regard to two holidays coming in the same week.

Sure is quiet around the local union halls this week—but might hot down in Santa Barbara, from what we hear. Political campaigning by experts at the State AF convention should lead to a lively election, with labor split wide open in regard to top candidates.

Heard a new way of distinguishing between "recession," "depression" and "panic." "Recession is a period when one must tighten his belt." "Depression is when one hasn't a belt to tighten." "Panic is when one hasn't any trousers to hold up."

Greenville, Miss.—J. H. Renfroe, president of Local 3506, Communications Workers of America, took part in a historic event by serving on a panel of jurymen which included among its number a Negro. It was the first jury here which wasn't all white since the Reconstruction days.

ARE WELFARE PLANS 'CREEPING SOCIALISM?'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: J. H. Morgan, secretary of San Jose Bartenders Union 577 and district vice-president of the State Culinary-Bartenders Council, has completed an extensive research and study into the frequent question, "Are Health and Welfare Plans, National Health Insurance, Prepaid Medicine, etc., actually a Form of Creeping Socialism?" His findings have been summarized into three interesting articles for this paper. Comments will be welcomed.)

PART III—CONCLUSION

By J. H. Morgan

The American Federation of Labor in Washington D. C. and the Committee for the Nation's Health informs us that Health Insurance is as old as America itself and as old as the Nation.

Our first Compulsory Health Insurance Program was started in 1798 on the suggestion of Alexander Hamilton. It provided medical care for our merchant seamen and out of the program grew our great United States' Public Health Service. The Committee further informs us that the "Voluntary" private insurance schemes which the A. M. A. now formerly clutches to its bosom as "the American Way" are the very same schemes which in 1932 it condemned as "Socialism, Communism, . . . inciting to revolution".

The American people, Labor in particular and also small business men, must continue to press for the necessary legislation to insure the final adoption of National Health Insurance.

Following are some of the things National Health Insurance would do for you:

plan, although negotiated plans with employers are gaining in number each year.

This survey covered plans in effect by the union alone, plans which were administered by both the union and the employers, and plans which were run solely by the employers. The survey showed that the member-paid plans were not as good as the Employer-paid plans.

All of which brings us to the fact that the best possible coverage that could be obtained, will of necessity come on some future date, when a National Health Insurance Plan shall be put into effect, for the benefit of the health and welfare of the American people eligible to qualify for same.

The Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers, Bartenders, and Hotel Service Employees of Santa Clara County will most likely sit down with employers in early 1955 and try to work out some equitable form of Health Insurance Welfare Plan, since the contact allows for such negotiation upon its next re-opening. We look to the future.

—THE END—

State Proclaims Labor Day and Union Label Week

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In recognition of the traditional observance of Labor Day throughout the United States on September 6, 1954, I Goodwin J. Knight, Governor of California, hereby proclaim the period of September 6-12, 1954, as UNION LABEL WEEK in our State. Further, I urge that all Californians take advantage of the opportunities offered to become more familiar with the use and purpose of the Union Label and the assurance it carries that the product upon which it appears was produced under working conditions consistent with the ideals of Union Labor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of August, A. D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

/s/ Goodwin J. Knight
Governor of California

GOP Offices Open

The Monterey County Republican Central Committee has opened campaign headquarters at 367 Main St., Salinas, according to A. J. Clark, secretary of Monterey County Central Labor Union. Volunteer workers for the Republican candidates may contact this office, Clark added.

EIDE REPORTS FINE VACATION

Back from a prolonged vacation trip, Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, last week told of the enjoyable trip but added that he found the best fishing at Big Sur, after returning home.

Eide and his family traveled to Sequoia, Yosemite, Chico, Deer Creek, Lake Almanor, Mt. Lassen, Lake Manzanita, and as far north as Klamath Falls, camping at various points and fishing when possible.

On the trip, Eide's son Tommy proved the best fisherman, but after they returned Eide and the lad visited Big Sur, where the union official proved his superiority with a limit catch of trout.

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Yale Law Journal
Charges AMA Is
Misusing Authority

New Haven, Conn.—The Yale Law Journal charges that the American Medical Assn. exercised authority over the practice of medicine and has failed to use this authority as an "instrument of progress."

The Journal, published by the university's law students, declared that "no other voluntary association commands such power within its area of interests as does the AMA."

The report was based on the AMA's published records, a questionnaire sent to state medical societies, and interviews with both supporters and critics of the association.

The Journal said that the AMA has come into clash most often with labor and other groups of consumers of physicians' services in the field of "systems of payment." AMA claims now that it supports voluntary prepaid health insurance plans. But a court decision several years ago ruled that the group had to end its opposition to a voluntary cooperative prepayment medical care plan in Washington, D. C.

The AMA's affiliate in New York state recently passed resolutions on medical ethics which were so worded that voluntary health plans sponsored by unions and other organizations would have a hard time surviving. The AMA now is considering the resolutions for possible adoption next year.

Pay Rates in Bldg.
Trades Up 1.6%
In Second Quarter

Wage scales of union workers in the building trades rose 1.6 percent during the second quarter of 1954, as compared with 2.6 percent in the corresponding period of 1953, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced last week in releasing results of its quarterly survey of seven major building trades in 85 cities.

For all trades combined, the average hourly advance was 4.4 cents between April 1, 1954 and July 1, 1954; the average increase in the same period of 1953 was 6.6 cents.

The estimated average hourly rate for organized construction workers was \$2.77 on July 1, 1954.

Reflecting largely the general Spring and Summer contract reopening dates for the building trades, scale increases were widespread in the three months ending July 1, 1954.

Upward adjustments were recorded for at least one trade in four-fifths of the cities studied. In half of the cities for which increased scales were reported, four or more trades moved upward.

About 45 percent of the building trades workers included in the survey were affected by scale increases in the three-month period.

Carpenters and building laborers accounted for slightly over three-fifths of the workers whose scales were increased. Approximately three of every eight adjustments were for 10 cents; one of every eight was for five cents and one of ten for 7.5 cents. About an eighth of the scale changes provided for advances of 15 cents or more.

Bricklayers and plumbers showed the greatest gain during the three months, with average hourly increases of 7.6 and 6.1 cents, respectively, for all workers in the trade. Average advances in other trades ranged from 2.9 to 4.6 cents an hour.

On July 1, 1954, union hourly scales of construction trades workers were approximately 36 percent above the average for the three years 1947-1949.

THE REMEDY

"I always lie awake for an hour after going to bed, and this gets on my nerves. Can you suggest a remedy?" asked a patient of his doctor.

"Yes. Go to bed an hour later."

Frank Edwards
Off AFL Bdcast.

(AFL Release)

Washington—Harry W. Flannery is now broadcasting for the AFL on the Federation's nightly radio news program over the Mutual network. He replaces Frank Edwards.

Flannery is a veteran news-caster and commentator who made a notable record as the Berlin Correspondent for CBS in the last months before Pearl Harbor. He has appeared on the AFL program before as a vacation substitute for Edwards. Flannery has shown a consistently liberal point of view and a solid understanding of national and international affairs. He has also acquired a sound background on labor problems while serving two years as an editor of the AFL News-Reporter.

Edwards, after more than four years as the AFL's commentator, suddenly submitted his resignation to the Executive Council in a letter dated Aug. 7. The resignation was to become effective at the end of December. Instead of accepting the resignation, the Executive Council terminated his services immediately in accordance with the terms of his contract, which provided for severance pay in lieu of notice.

AFL President George Meany explained to a press conference that the release of Edwards resulted from long-standing differences regarding his broadcasts. He emphasized that the AFL has never sought to censor Edwards' views, but insisted that his opinions should be clearly labeled as opinions and separated from the news, in accordance with basic principals of good radio and good journalism.

Meany said the Executive Council had reached a verbal understanding two years ago with Edwards as the result of which Charles Herrold was assigned to serve as editor of the program. His duties were to see to it that all major news was adequately covered and fairly presented. This arrangement appeared to have worked out well.

However, Meany said, an emergency situation necessitated a temporary transfer of Herrold to other duties. During his absence, a noticeable deterioration of the program occurred. When Herrold was reassigned to the radio editorship, Edwards challenged his authority. It was then decided to spell out the editor's authority in the form of a written memorandum. This was shown to Edwards by Meany and AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler. Edwards raised no objections to it nor did he suggest any changes or modifications. A week later he sent in his resignation.

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By JOHN F. MATTOS, Secretary and Business Agent

At this time no agreement has been reached between the Plumbers and the Mechanical contractors so the construction picture has not been changed since the last report. We are in hopes that an agreement may be reached.

Brother Wray D. Empie was back in town and was a visitor in the office last week. He has been on an extended vacation on a ranch in San Luis Obispo County. He is tanned from the sun, as much as we could see of him. He is eating well, sleeping like a king who has nothing on his mind. Oscar, Bill's pet dog, won't hunt or leave the ranch house. The deer hunters have fed Bill Empie and Bill Molena well. Louis Long of the carpenters union and superintendent for Vince Moon had an opportunity to get a good, large buck. Lou is too conservative. He didn't want to spoil any meat. He wanted a clean head shot, the big one got away!

Bill says that many of the natives are real Californians and are part Indian. Bill Empie says don't come up and visit unless you bring eggs, bread, coffee and sugar; meat is no problem. Don't need bed clothing—the temperature is right. Empie also says this is an old man's rest home and no place for women.

Virgil Sterlin was in the office and is recuperating from his recent operation. He looks much healthier than before. He may need further operation; time will tell.

Les Webb from Oakland has the curbs and gutters on the Gordon Ball job. They are starting and want to finish and move on. We wish Les Webb all the luck they deserve.

The Basic Protein Products Co. are moving into a fish cannery in Moss Landing. More next week on this new firm. There will be others moving into the area. We have the favorable conditions that so many other areas do not have.

There was quite an article in the Chronicle last week about know your contractor and builder. The article was quite good on the Cherry Chase Subdivision. It told of the homes being built, the description and selling prices. The interesting part to me was the one on the Rogers Development Co. Mr. Rogers is well known in this area as is the whole family. They owned and operated the Square Deal Lumber Co. on Abbott Street and employed your president and secretary. The building and developing is nothing new to Joe Rogers. He subdivided the Hansen Tract and built over three hundred homes in 1940 and 1941. The homes were well constructed and sold very readily. The war stopped Mr. Rogers at that time. Let's hope that nothing stops Joe in this venture of his. His honesty and integrity are above reproach. Good Luck, Joe. There is one thing we hope and that is that two fathers-in-law do not see fit to go into this venture jointly or Monterey County would lose a good building inspector, Eddie Carlsen.

Hank's Drug Store now has the steel up and is ready to get underway again. Look closely fellows, and you will think the steel is upside down. It is O.K., the engineer planned it that way. The new modern look you know. The flapper days are here say the new stylists.

Baseball, like politics, is really getting the boys aroused around the Labor Temple. The wagering is small but that doesn't keep it from getting heated. The talk of the 49er's was less than the College All Stars' defeat.

Received by this local a nice postcard from the Johnsons telling of their trip to date. Having good time, wished that everyone was there. They don't say who would pick up the check. Well, why make an issue out of this? We're not there but the Johnsons should know that we would like to be. Last card from Crater Lake.

Frank Castella, recently operated on, is now at Spreckels Sugar

AFL Plan to End Jurisdiction Strife OK'd by Ex. Council

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor announced it had approved the final draft of a plan to end jurisdictional strike among its own affiliated unions.

The plan will be submitted for ratification to the forthcoming convention of the AFL which opens September 20 in Los Angeles. AFL President George Meany predicted it will be overwhelmingly approved by the convention delegates. After the convention action, he said, the plan will go into effect as soon as affiliated unions sign it.

"This is a new approach to the jurisdictional problem," Mr. Meany explained. "In the past, we have dealt only with the result of specific disputes after the trouble had started. This plan is designed to prevent trouble before it starts.

"I want to emphasize that the plan is set up on a strictly voluntary basis. No union will be required to sign it as a condition of continued affiliation. However, I fully expect a substantial number of our unions to subscribe. To that extent, it will definitely reduce the area of conflict."

The plan includes a flat no-raiding pledge by subscribing unions. It provides that when a jurisdictional conflict between signatory unions arises, it shall be settled by use of the following steps:

1. The parties involved in the dispute shall first confer with each other in an effort to reach a mutual agreement.

2. Either party may call upon the President of the AFL to appoint an AFL representative to try to bring about a settlement through conciliation and mediation.

3. If the dispute remains unsettled ten days after the AFL representative enters the case (unless this time limit has been extended by mutual agreement of the parties) they shall submit the dispute to arbitration. Such arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator agreed upon by the parties. If they are unable to agree on an arbitrator, the President of the AFL shall appoint one from a panel of impartial and disinterested persons. This panel shall be chosen and approved in advance by the Executive Council of the AFL. The arbitrator, after hearing the dispute and the claims of both parties, shall render a decision which will be final and binding. His decision shall apply only to the particular dispute submitted to him.

Is Army Careless And Inefficient With Contracts?

WASHINGTON.—The Army has been accused by the Senate Small Business Committee, of carelessness and inefficiency in awarding contracts.

The committee found a "particularly vexing problem" in the Army's processing and awarding of contracts. It charged there are too many administrative delays before a contract is handed out.

The committee cited one case where the Army Controller General waited four months to rule "illegal" a contract awarded to the Caterpillar Tractor Co. for 51 tractors and 34 scrapers. This was after 90 per cent of the equipment had been delivered.

The contract was ruled "illegal" the committee said, because Caterpillar took nine exceptions to the specifications called for but got the contract while the Wooldridge Manufacturing Co. of California took no exceptions and was denied the contract.

The committee asserted that American businessmen "should not be put at a disadvantage by such inefficiencies."

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